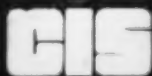


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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1990

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION,
Washington, DC.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:45 a.m., in room SR-253, Russell Senate Office Building, Hon. Ernest F. Hollings (Chairman of the Committee) presiding.

Staff members assigned to this hearing: John Windhausen, staff counsel, and Ruth Johnson, minority professional staff member.

OPENING STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will please come to order. They have scheduled a vote for 10:00. I went over there to vote, they said then at 10:15. Now they have just rung the bell. Our subcommittee chairman, Senator Inouye, who will be chairing this hearing, is over there.

But momentarily, I want to introduce our distinguished South Carolinian for a confirmation on the COMSAT board. And then momentarily Senator Inouye will take it up from there.

For the record, we have an outstanding American as well as South Carolinian, Dr. James B. Edwards for the COMSAT board. He is a miracle man. He pulled my wife's wisdom teeth back in 1961, and she became wiser.

He represented our county in the State Senate of South Carolina, the first Republican since reconstruction to be elected our State's governor, and did an outstanding job as governor of South Carolina. And more specifically, having served as the Secretary of Energy in the Reagan Administration, is now the dynamic president of our medical university of South Carolina.

I have watched, having served myself, as a governor on college boards and individually on private institutional boards, the Medical University develop and grow. And we are extremely fortunate in having an individual of Dr. Edwards' talents and judgment leading us down at our own medical university. He has melded the diverse disciplines of the medical profession, appealed to the alumni for their financial support and has kept on the cutting edge of science. And none does it better than our own president Edwards of the medical university.

I was very pleased to see President Bush submit him for that vacancy on the COMSAT board and welcome him to the committee.

And we will, Jim, temporarily before receiving your statement—Chairman Inouye will be taking it momentarily—but we will just

split like we have done many times before. He will come then and chair it and complete your confirmation hearing. And as soon as all the documents are here, which I understand should be this week, we will present it to the Senate. And I am sure you will be confirmed without any difficulty.

We welcome you and we commend President Bush on your appointment. Thank you. Thank you very much.

You just be at ease now and Dan will come around and take over.

Dr. EDWARDS. I appreciate your kind remarks.

[Recess.]

OPENING STATEMENT BY SENATOR INOUE

Senator INOUE. I gather the hearing has been opened.

This morning we will consider the nomination of Dr. James B. Edwards to the board of directors of the Communications Satellite Corporation.

Congress created COMSAT in 1962 to establish a global international communication satellite system. COMSAT quickly and successfully established INTELSAT, a consortium which now includes over 115 nations. Today INTELSAT carries the majority of the world's international telephone calls and television transmissions.

COMSAT also helped to create INMARSAT, a similar international communication satellite system that provides mobile services.

COMSAT occupies a unique position. It is a profitmaking company, and it is a representative of the United States Government. As a result, COMSAT is strictly regulated to ensure that its commercial incentives do not obscure its public interest responsibilities.

The presidential directors were intended as one means of ensuring that COMSAT will carry out these obligations. Congress authorized the President to appoint three directors to COMSAT's board, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate. The directors are meant to serve as watchdogs over COMSAT's behavior and to ensure that the benefits of satellite technology are made available to all citizens.

Dr. Edwards is appearing before the committee this morning to assure us that he is qualified and able to carry out these duties on behalf of the public. As we all know, Dr. Edwards has a long and distinguished career in public service as governor of South Carolina, as the United States Secretary of Energy and today as president of the Medical University of South Carolina.

It is a great pleasure that I welcome Governor Edwards to the committee this morning. And I gather that my distinguished chairman has introduced you, sir, so please proceed as you wish.

[The biographical sketch follows:]

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STATEMENT FOR COMPLETION BY PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES

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A. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

1. Name	Edwards	James	Burrows
	(Last)	(First)	(Last)
Address	100 Venning Street (If more than one address)	Office of the President Medical University of South Carolina (If more than one address)	
	Mt. Pleasant, S. C. 29404	171 Ashley Avenue Charleston, South Carolina 29425	
2. Position to which nominated	Director	Deputy Surgeon General	November 17, 1989
3. Date of birth	June 24, 1927 (Month) (Day) (Year)	August 10, 1927 (Month) (Day) (Year)	Hawthorne, Florida
4. Marital status	Married	Full name of Spouse	Ann Darlington Edwards
5. Names and ages of children	James Burrows Edwards, Jr. Catharine Edwards Wingate		35 31

6. Education	Institution	Dates attended	Degree earned	Year
	College of Charleston	09/47-05/50	B.S.	1950
	University of Louisville	09/51-05/55	D.M.D.	1955
	University of Pennsylvania	09/57-06/58	Post-graduate study	1958
	Graduate Medical School	07/58-07/60	Oral Surgery Residency	1960
	Henry Ford Hospital			

7. Employment record List all positions held since college, including the title or description of job, name of employer, location of work, and dates of inclusive employment.

From	To	Name of employer	Address	Type of work
11/82	Present	Medical Univ. of SC	Charleston, SC	Administrative
01/81	01/82	U.S. Sec. of Energy	Washington, DC	US Government
01/79	01/81	Oral & MF Surgeon	Charleston, SC	Dentistry
01/75	01/79	Governor, State of SC	Columbia, SC	Administrative
01/73	01/75	Senator, State of SC	Columbia, SC	Legislative
07/60	01/75	Oral & MF Surgeon	Charleston, SC	Dentistry
03/51	08/51	Alcoa SS Co.	Charleston, SC	Deck Officer

8. Government experience List any experience in or direct association with Federal, State, or local governments including any advisors, consultants, honorary or other part-time service or positions.

U. S. Secretary of Energy

Governor, State of South Carolina

Federal Hospital Council, 1969-73

Governor's Statewide Committee for Comprehensive Health Care Planning for South Carolina, 1968-72

Chairman, Southern Governors' Conference, 1978

Chairman, Subcommittee on Nuclear Energy, National Governors' Assn., 1978

9. Political affiliations List all memberships and offices held in or financial contributions and services rendered to all political parties or election committees during the last 10 years.

Chairman, Charleston County Republican Party, 1964-69

Chairman, First District, Republican Party, 1970

10. Memberships List all memberships and offices held in professional, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, and other organizations.

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11. Honors and awards List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, and any other special recognitions for outstanding service or achievement.

Ten Honorary Degrees: College of Charleston, University of South Carolina, Bob Jones University, The Citadel, Francis Marion College, Baptist College at Charleston, Erskine College, Georgetown University, University of Louisville, and Newberry College.

Honorary Memberships: Rotary International and S.C. Academy of Science

Honors & Awards: Tenth Thomas P. Hinman Distinguished Service Medal; Humanities Award, La Societe Francaise de Bienfaisance; Founders' Medal, College of Charleston; Newcomen Society of the U.S.; and University of Louisville Alumni Fellows Award.

12. Published writings List the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports, or other published materials you have written.

No Tritium: How the U.S. Could Lose Its Nuclear Deterrent

Published in Jan./Feb. '89 by: The Atlanta Constitution, The Houston Chronicle, Dallas Times Herald, The Cincinnati Inquirer, The Arizona Republic, The State (Columbia, SC), The New Haven Register, The Idaho Statesman, Richmond Times-Dispatch, The Union Leader (Manchester, NH), Augusta Herald (Augusta, GA), and Chicago Tribune.

STATEMENT OF DR. JAMES B. EDWARDS

Dr. EDWARDS. Senator, I have no opening statement. I was very pleased with the introduction of my colleague from Charleston, the Senator from South Carolina. And I would be glad to respond to any questions that you may have.

Senator INOUE. Dr. Edwards, I have been just advised that everything is in order. We have received your financial statement and that is in order. And as of this moment no one seems to be against you, sir.

Dr. EDWARDS. That is refreshing, Senator.

Senator INOUE. In this city that is not quite usual. There is someone usually against somebody here. But with that I would like to congratulate you. And I would assure you that at the next markup session of this committee, your nomination will be high on the agenda. And I am certain that it will be cleared without any problems, sir.

Dr. EDWARDS. Thank you, sir.

Senator INOUE. With that, congratulations.

Dr. EDWARDS. Thank you.

Senator INOUE. The hearing is closed.

[Thereupon, at 10:15 a.m., the hearing was adjourned.]